

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING SUMMARY FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION: Greenways Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING: October 16, 2002
NAME/TELEPHONE OF PERSON PREPARING SUMMARY: Robin Madel, 303-441-4073
NAMES OF MEMBERS, COUNCIL, STAFF AND INVITED GUESTS PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Gil Barth, Linda Jourgensen, Simon Mole, Jerry Wyss (for Krista Holland), Janice Buswell Lopitz; Ed von Bleichert was absent STAFF – Annie Noble, Betty Solek, Nancy Steinberger, Kristen Cherry, Mac Lawson, Anna Mische-John and Robin Madel, secretary
WHAT TYPE OF MEETING (BOLD ONE) [REGULAR] [SPECIAL] [QUASI-JUDICIAL]
Agenda Item 1 – Tour of Harrison Ave. Levee Nancy Steinberger led the group on a tour and discussion of the levee project. Steinberger discussed the background of the project, the plans for fixing the levee, the controversy with the University of Colorado surrounding the levee project and the plans to create wet meadow space as an environmental enhancement. The main concern for the university is that increasing the levee height could potentially add more water to their property in a significant flood event on Bear Canyon Creek. This has impacted the designs and the schedule for completion of the project. Neighborhood residents that are protected from floodwater by the levee have been very vocal and active throughout the planning stages of the project. Several members of the neighborhood attended the tour and praised Steinberger's work on the project.
Agenda Item 2 – Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The GAC and staff members introduced themselves and their respective boards and departments.
Agenda Item 3 – Meeting minutes from June 5, 2002. <u>Simon Mole</u> motioned to approve the minutes from June 5, 2002. <u>Linda Jourgensen</u> seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.
Agenda Item 4 – General Citizen Participation There was none. General Citizen Participation was closed.
Agenda Item 5 – Staff update on the 2002 Habitat Maintenance Report. Nancy Steinberger discussed the Habitat Maintenance Program. She showed a map that illustrated the progress made over the summer. Steinberger said they were able to do weed control on every priority area to which they had access. The report was constructed so that next year's program will run more smoothly. Steinberger said that this year the project was very manageable with only three people but more people would decrease the amount of time required to complete the tasks under the program. She said the plan is to map the effect of maintenance on weed growth in successive years to evaluate program success. Steinberger discussed the Integrated Pest Management Task Force that she is a part of and the plans to evaluate natural chemicals and goats for weed control. Steinberger also discussed the amount of time taken to prepare the report that was distributed to the committee. She said that although the report took numerous hours to prepare, it would require only updates in successive years, which will take much less time. She also discussed the goals of the program and the report. It was suggested that an executive summary to the report might help to crystallize the goals of the program and the report. It was also suggested that clear records should be kept of the effect of the drought versus rain in wetter years.

Agenda Item 6 – Staff update on the Elmer’s Twomile Creek Underpass project.

Annie Noble discussed the Elmer’s Twomile Creek project, which is in the planning stage and is being funded through the Federal Transportation Improvement Program fund, the Transportation Division and the Greenways Program. The project includes an underpass under Iris Avenue and a path connection from Iris to Juniper. There are three concept alignments that are being evaluated. Noble said that the CEAP for the project would be sent to the GAC as an information item and to the Transportation Advisory Board for approval. Noble announced a meeting with the Willow Springs Homeowner’s Association, and said that the staff is expecting to take bids on the project in the Spring 2003.

Agenda Item 7 –**A. Matters from the Staff**

- Annie Noble distributed a Greenways project list. There was a brief discussion about the Skunk Cr. Project behind Basemar Shopping Center. Construction on the project has begun and the property owner gave an easement to the city for free.

B. Matters from the Committee

- Gil Barth asked if any Greenways projects are getting bottlenecked because of funding issues. Noble said that the Wonderland and Fourmile Canyon Creek Floodplain project is experiencing some delays because the city is evaluating an additional alternative involving floodproofing the properties along the creeks.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of Future Meeting Dates and Agenda

The next meeting will include a tour of Fourmile Canyon Creek north of the Elk’s Property.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, time and location are to be determined.